State	Untraced Claimants
Maharashtra	1030
Orissa	16
Punjab	396
Rajasthan	525
Tamil Nadu	759
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	1061
Goa	290
Lakshadweep	1
Meghalaya	2
Pondicherry	9
Tripura	2
West Bengal	927
Uttar Pradesh	1458

Agreement with Russia

311. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether agreements have been reached with the Government of Russia in the fields of nuclear energy, oil and gas; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement in each field?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The President of the Russian Federation visited India on January 25-26, 2007 and during the visit, a Memorandum of Intent was signed between the two countries on the development of cooperation in the construction of additional nuclear power plant units at the Kudankulam site as well as in the construction of Russian design nuclear power plants at new sites in the Republic of India. In the field of oil and gas, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited and the Russian

Rosneft Oil Company signed a Memorandum of Understanding to expand their cooperation by jointly taking up projects in Russia, India and third countries.

Meeting of anti-terrorism panel

312. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the anti-terrorism panel set up by India and Pakistan held its first meeting in Islamabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the counter-terrorism initiatives proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It was agreed during Foreign Secretary-level talks in November, 2006 that the mandate of the joint anti-terror mechanism would be to consider counter terrorism measures, including through the regular and timely sharing of information. The first meeting of this mechanism is scheduled to take place in Islamabad on 6 March, 2007.

Weaponisation of space

†313. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether American intelligence agencies have claimed that China has acquired capability to target and destroy any satellite after successful testing through ground to air ballistic missile in January, 2007;

(b) whether it is likely to trigger a race for weaponisation of space; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government so far to check militarisation of space at international level with outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Chinese Foreign Ministry confirmed on 23 January,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.